



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 32

PART 2

PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIME

CHAPTER 1

FUNCTIONS RELATING TO SERIOUS VIOLENCE

Exercise of functions

15 Involvement of educational, prison and youth custody authorities

- (1) An educational, prison or youth custody authority (a “relevant authority”) for a local government area and a specified authority for that area may collaborate with each other to prevent and reduce serious violence in that area.
- (2) A relevant authority for a relevant area and a specified authority for that area may collaborate with each other to prevent and reduce serious violence in that area.
- (3) A relevant authority and a specified authority must collaborate with each other as mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) if either the relevant authority or the specified authority requests the other to do so.
- (4) A relevant authority must carry out any actions which are specified under section 8(5) or 9(5) as actions to be carried out by the authority.
- (5) A relevant authority for a local government area—
 - (a) may collaborate with another relevant authority for that area to prevent and reduce serious violence in that area, and

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- (b) must collaborate with another relevant authority for that area for those purposes if requested by that other relevant authority to do so.
- (6) A relevant authority (“RA1”) may collaborate with another relevant authority (“RA2”) to prevent and reduce serious violence in an area which is made up of—
 - (a) all or part of the local government area for which RA1 is a relevant authority, and
 - (b) all or part of the local government area for which RA2 is a relevant authority.
- (7) A relevant authority is not subject to a duty in subsection (3), (4) or (5)(b), and a specified authority is not subject to a duty in subsection (3), if or to the extent that compliance with the duty—
 - (a) would be incompatible with any other duty of the authority imposed by an enactment (other than subsection (5)(b)),
 - (b) would otherwise have an adverse effect on the exercise of the authority’s functions,
 - (c) would be disproportionate to the need to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area to which the duty relates, or
 - (d) would mean that the authority incurred unreasonable costs.
- (8) In determining whether subsection (7) applies to an authority, the cumulative effect of complying with duties under this section must be taken into account.
- (9) Subsection (7) or (8) does not apply in relation to the duty of a relevant authority to collaborate with a specified authority under subsection (3) to the extent that it relates to—
 - (a) the exercise by the specified authority of its function under subsection (3)(a) or (b) of section 8 of identifying the kinds or causes of serious violence in an area or its function of preparing a strategy under subsection (3)(c) of that section, or
 - (b) the exercise by the specified authority of its function under subsection (3)(a) or (b) of section 9 of identifying the kinds or causes of serious violence in an area or its function of preparing a strategy under subsection (3)(c) of that section.
- (10) This section does not affect any power to collaborate apart from this section.
- (11) In this section “enactment” includes—
 - (a) an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978, and
 - (b) an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, a Measure or Act of Senedd Cymru.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 15 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 208\(1\)](#)
- I2** [S. 15](#) in force at 31.1.2023 by [S.I. 2022/1227](#), [reg. 4\(g\)](#)

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